

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 33 (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

an image forming apparatus; and

a scanner removably mounted on said image forming apparatus, said scanner including a reading element, a motor, and a roller driven by said motor,

5 wherein said motor drives said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus, and said scanner moves via said roller driven by said motor and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor with said scanner detached from said image forming apparatus; and a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically to guide a sheet downward on said first sheet transporting path, and said
10 reading element reads said sheet with said scanner mounted on said image forming apparatus; and said image forming apparatus includes a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically to guide a sheet downward on said second sheet transporting path; and said image forming apparatus performs an image forming process for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path; and said first sheet transporting path and said second sheet
15 transporting path are arranged adjacent each other.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34,

wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces

toward said image forming apparatus in a case where said scanner is mounted on said image forming apparatus so that one of said sheet transporting paths is made between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said image forming apparatus is a printer.

37. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the moving direction of a first sheet that moves on said first sheet transporting path moves in same direction as the moving direction of a second sheet that moves on said second sheet transporting path.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 34, further comprising a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs independent of said image forming apparatus.

39 - 55. (Canceled).

56. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a base unit including a sheet accommodating part accommodating a plurality of sheets;

and

a scanner apparatus including a reading element, a motor and a roller, said scanner

apparatus being removably mounted on said base unit, wherein said motor actuates said roller to transport a sheet with said scanner mounted on said base unit, and said scanner moves via said roller driven by said motor and said scanner reads an original guided by said roller driven by said motor with said scanner detached from said base unit; and said sheet is delivered from said sheet accommodating part by said roller with said scanner mounted on said base unit, wherein a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically such that said reading element reads said sheet when said scanner is mounted on said base, said base including a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said base performing a processing for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path, said first sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path.

57. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said sheet accommodating part accommodates said plurality of sheets in a substantially vertical direction.

58. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein a surface of said scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said base in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base so that a sheet transporting path is made between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said scanner has a motor and said motor actuates said roller and thereby transports a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit, so that said reading element reads said sheet, and said motor actuates said roller.

61. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs by itself.

62. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

63. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

64. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 56, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.

65. (Currently Amended) A scanner apparatus comprising:

a base unit including a sheet accommodating part, said sheet accommodating part holding a plurality of sheets in a substantially vertical direction;

a scanner;

a reading element; and

a roller, wherein said scanner is removably mounted on said base unit, said reading element reading a sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part driven by said roller with said scanner mounted on said base unit, said scanner moving via said roller and reading said sheet while said roller automatically travels with said scanner on an original when said scanner is detached from said base unit, wherein a first sheet transporting path is formed substantially vertically such that said reading element reads said sheet when said scanner is mounted on said base, said base including a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically, said base performing a processing for a sheet traveling along said second sheet transporting path, said first sheet transporting path being arranged along said second sheet transporting path.

66. (Canceled).

67. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein a surface of said

scanner on which said reading element is provided faces to said base in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base so that a sheet transporting path is made between a surface of said image forming apparatus and said surface of said scanner.

68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said scanner has a motor and said motor actuates said roller and thereby transport a sheet in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit, so that said reading element reads said sheet, and said motor actuates said roller.

70. (Previously Presented) A scanner apparatus according to claim 65, wherein a projecting member is provided on said surface of said scanner for protecting said roller in a case where said scanner runs by itself.

71. (Previously Presented) A scanner apparatus according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus and a sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided at a same side of said scanner apparatus, and a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said roller and said sheet reading surface of said reading element are provided constitutes a part of a sheet guide guiding said sheet delivered from said sheet accommodating part in a case where said scanner is mounted on said base unit.

72. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said roller of said scanner apparatus is a pick roller, and said apparatus has a sheet separating member faced to said pick roller of said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit.

73. (Previously Presented) A scanner according to claim 65, wherein said base unit is an image forming apparatus.